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Teens on Witness List for Smart Trial

EXETER — The state's proposed list of witnesses to be called at the trial of Pamela Smart on charges of arranging the murder of her husband includes the three Seabrook teenagers who pleaded guilty earlier this week on charges in connection with the May 1 killing of Gregory Smart, 24, of Derry.

Appearing among the 66 names of the state's witness list filed at the Rockingham County Superior Court are William Flynn, Patrick "Pete" Randall, and Vance Lattime Jr.

Mrs. Smart, 23, of Derry, is scheduled for trial Feb. 4 on charges of instructing the trio to kill her husband.

Flynn pleaded guilty Monday to the second-degree murder of Gregory Smart. Randall and Lattime each pleaded guilty to accomplice — helping Flynn shoot Smart in the head with a .38-caliber handgun on May 1, 1990.

Also on the list is Cecelia Pierce, 16, of Seabrook, considered to be a key witness.

According to the prosecution, Pierce in cooperation with authorities wore a concealed microphone and recorded a conversation she had with Smart.

Other proposed state's witnesses include police officers and officials from Winnacunnet High School.

Sister Convinced of Pam Smart's Innocence

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DERRY — Pamela Smart's friends and family still stand by her and are waiting patiently for next week's trial so the rest of the state can see she is innocent, her sister Beth Wojas said yesterday.

Smart, 23, is awaiting trial on charges that she helped plot the murder of her husband Gregory, 24, of Derry.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Wojas said the guilty pleas of three teens also charged in the murder at first heartened the family, but also added a new dimension to the highly publicized case.

"Initially we were happy," Wojas said of the pleas. "But we know they will testify against Pamela and we can just imagine what kind of lies they will tell."

William Flynn, Patrick Randall and Vance Lattime Jr. entered guilty pleas at Rockingham County Superior Court yesterday.

Flynn, 16, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and Randall and Lattime pleaded guilty to being accomplices to second degree murder. Both charges carry a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Wojas said she is glad parts of the truth are out and that the teens have finally admitted their involvement in the crime.

Still, she said, there are a lot of questions that are unanswered.

"I wonder why. To this day I know Greg is dead, but I can't understand it," she said. "To me they (the teenagers) are not kids, they're monsters."

"I just wish the whole truth was out — that Pamela had no part in it," she said.

According to Wojas, her family has stood by Pamela, believing in her innocence and that justice will eventually be served once the case goes to trial.

She credited friends of Pamela's and the family's who have come forth and offered support.

"There has been an outpouring of faith, hope and love," she said.

Wojas said Smart is in maximum security at the State Prison for Women at Goffstown and is allowed visits three times each week from a list of visitors consisting of Wojas, her parents and only four other visitors.

She is also allowed visits by relatives who are in the ministry. Only three visitors are allowed on a given day, Wojas said.

Smart communicates regularly with other friends by phone and letter, attends a Bible class, and teaches, her sister said.

Smart's Attorneys Seek 2-Week Trial Delay

EXETER — Attorneys for Pamela Smart say they have asked for a two-week postponement of her trial so they can sort through new information stemming from the guilty pleas of three Seabrook teens and the arrest of a fourth this week.

Chichester attorney Mark Sisti confirmed yesterday that he and attorney Paul Twomey mailed a request for a continuance yesterday to Rockingham County Superior Court in Exeter. Sisti said the state did not object to the request.

Jury selection was scheduled to begin Monday. Smart, 23, is charged with being an accomplice to the first-degree murder of her husband, conspiring to commit murder and witness tampering.

Police allege she and a 16-year-old Winnacunnet High School student, William Flynn, were lovers, and plotted the murder of Gregory Smart, 24, an insurance salesman.

Smart was shot in the head when he returned home from work May 1.

Sisti said the new developments in the case prompted he and Twomey to file for a continuance.

If the continuance is granted by a Superior Court judge, Sisti said his client will be ready for trial Feb. 19, quelling speculation the attorneys may negotiate a plea prior to trial.

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